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Applicant	:	Charles Larsen et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3679
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Appl. No.	:	09/865,125)	
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For	:	PICKET FENCE AND RAIL)	
		MOUNTING SYSTEM)	
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Examiner	:	Victor L. MacArthur)	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction / Election Requirement mailed on August 27, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims ~~31-37~~ without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-30 and 38-42, drawn to a picket fence; and
- II. Claims 31-37, drawn to a method of making a fence.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, including Claims 1-30 and 38-42. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled Claims 31-37 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these and other similar claims in later filed applications.